## H. CON. RES. 139

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should fully participate in EXPO 2000 in the year 2000, in Hannover, Germany, and should encourage the academic community and the private sector in the United States to support this worthwhile undertaking.

Whereas Germany has invited nations, international and nongovernmental organizations, and individuals from around the world to participate in EXPO 2000, a global town hall meeting to be hosted in the year 2000, in Hannover, Germany, for the purpose providing a forum for worldwide dialogue on the challenges, goals, and solutions for

- the sustainable development of mankind in the 21st century;
- Whereas the theme of EXPO 2000 is "Humankind-Nature-Technology";
- Whereas EXPO 2000 will take place in the heart of the newly unified, free, and democratic Europe;
- Whereas Germany has established a stable democracy and a pluralistic society in the heart of Europe;
- Whereas more than 40,000,000 people in the United States can trace their ancestry to Germany, and in 1983 the United States and Germany celebrated the Tri-Centennial of immigration of Germans into the United States;
- Whereas Germany has been a close political and military ally of the United States for nearly five decades and has been a driving force with respect to the political, monetary, and economic integration of Europe;
- Whereas the United States, as a leading political, intellectual, and economic power, maintains a strong interest in the worldwide strengthening of political freedom and human rights, open market economies, and technological advancement throughout the world; and
- Whereas the United States is eager to share with the global community the vast and promising public and private efforts being made to prepare for the next century: Now, therefore, be it
  - 1 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
  - 2 concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that the
  - 3 United States—

| 1 | (1) should fully participate in EXPO 2000, a         |
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| 2 | global town hall meeting to be hosted in the year    |
| 3 | 2000, in Hannover, Germany, for the purpose of       |
| 4 | providing a forum for worldwide dialogue on the      |
| 5 | challenges, goals, and solutions for the sustainable |
| 6 | development of mankind in the 21st century; and      |
| 7 | (2) should encourage the academic community          |
| 8 | and the private sector in the United States to sup-  |
| 9 | port this worthwhile undertaking.                    |
|   | Passed the House of Representatives November 9,      |

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Attest: ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.